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Mobile and Baldwin County students participate in Disability Mentoring Day

With bad economic times looming, finding a job is not easy. For teenagers with disabilities, it can be even more difficult.

To help, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and the Mobile Area Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities will be conducting Disability Mentoring Day on Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As part of the event, students with disabilities in Mobile and Baldwin counties will "shadow" local employees to see what career fields they might want to pursue.

Infirmary Health System has agreed to host the estimated 40 high school seniors who will be participating. Half of the students will be assigned to an employee at Mobile Infirmary Medical Center, and the others will pair up with employees at Thomas Hospital in Baldwin County.

"Infirmary Health System is the largest employer in the Mobile area," said Lorinda Day, a business relations consultant with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services who is helping to coordinate the event. "We are excited they agreed to host Disability Mentoring Day. With their vast array of job positions, students will have the opportunity to learn what jobs they are interested in and what skills they will need to get the job."

Disability Mentoring Day is a national initiative sponsored locally by ADRS and the Mobile Area Governor's Committee.

This is the first year that a local employer has agreed to host all of the students as well as the first time the event will be held in Baldwin County.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.